

# INDIANA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ISLAC)

January 26, 2007

## Minutes

Chair Amy Harshbarger called the meeting to order.

Members present were Nancy Dowell, Amy Harshbarger, Mary Jackson, Linda Kolb, Brian McCafferty, Michael Ney, Yvonne Olinger, Dianne Osborne, Michael Piper, Margaret Seifert, Judy Smith, Jeffrey Stanley, Susan Wheeler, and Becki Whitaker. Indiana State Library (ISL) staff attending were Roberta Brooker, Jim Corridan, Drew Griffis, Edie Huffman, Wendy Knapp, Martha Jane Ringel, Marcia Smith-Woodard, Jake Speer and Faye Terry. Guests in attendance included Thomas Hamm, Sally Otte and Lora Thrasher.

**Roll Call:** Members and staff present introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** Margaret Seifert moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Nancy Dowell seconded. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee – No report.

Construction Committee – No report.

Continuing Education Committee – No report.

Resource Sharing Committee – Jake Speer reported that a meeting was held on November 1 to award the remaining technology grant funds.

Special Services Committee – No report.

Public Library Services Committee – No report.

Nominating Committee – No report.

### **State Library Report:**

Lora Thrasher from Briljent presented an overview of the LSTA Five Year Evaluation Report. Thrasher stated that there were three main components to the evaluation report. They are 1) Focus groups; 2) Phone Interviews; and 3) an Online Survey. Thrasher gave a brief explanation of the results about each component and reviewed the survey questions along with charts that showed percentages of responses.

Jim Corridan reported that the State Library's main focus right now is the biennial budget. Corridan also relayed information from an e-mail from Beth Booth Poor, INCOLSA President, regarding flyers that were distributed about services from INCOLSA. The flyers indicate that zero state funding means that some INCOLSA services would be eliminated or cut after June 30. That statement is inaccurate. Services will not be eliminated or cut but the programs may become

contracted programs and change providers. Michael Piper stated that he stood by the flyers as they were distributed.

Becki Whitaker asked a question regarding output or outcome based evaluation for the technology grants. Jake Speer responded that evaluations could be either output or outcome based or both.

Nancy Dowell asked what will the role of ISLAC be in the future. Corridan stated that ISLAC will continue to function as an advisory committee as stated in the state statute.

Michael Piper asked why LSTA funds were sequestered. It was explained that LSTA funds are not sequestered, but because of the budget situation the State Library is not sure that LSTA grants will be distributed until it is known who is providing specific services. At the December 6, 2006 Indiana Library and Historical Board meeting, the ILHB passed a motion that the director will direct LSTA funds based on the state budget.

Jim Corridan announced the town meetings that are being held around the state. The talking issues at the town meetings are certification, statewide services, and under-served or unserved areas. There is a role for ISLAC in determining these issues.

There was discussion on how the library community is being perceived by the General Assembly. It was noted that there is a perception of contention in the library community. Linda Kolb spoke that John Barnett, the ILF Legislative Advocate, has said that legislators will not allow themselves to get caught in the middle. Michael Piper was questioned about how the newly hired INCOLSA lobbyist was being paid.

There was discussion about the discussion between the State Library and INCOLSA agreement. A portion of the public library distribution funds have been reallocated to the State Library and will provide services of a Deputy Attorney General for the State Library and Indiana libraries, a children's library consultant, and a conservationist of historic documents at the State Library.

Yvonne Oliger asked about the possibility of a position paper for the legislature to be made available to legislators by February 20, 2007.

**Other Business:** The next ISLAC meeting will be held April 20, 2007.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.